

Appln No. 10/567,882
Amdt date January 7, 2011
Reply to Office action of September 22, 2010

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This amendment is submitted in response to the Office action mailed September 22, 2010. Claims 1 and 9 are amended herein. Claims 6, 13, 28, and 33 were previously cancelled. Claims 38-81 were previously withdrawn from consideration. Accordingly, claims 1-5, 7-12, 14-27, 29-32, 34-37, and 82-87 are presently in the application.

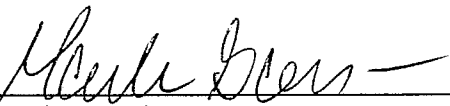
Applicant is filing concurrently herewith a Notice of Appeal. Applicant respectfully requests that the amendments to claims 1 and 9 herein be entered for purposes of appeal.

Two changes have been made. First, Claim 1 has been amended to place it in the form it existed as of the amendment filed on November 24, 2009. Second, the last limitation of Claim 1 (deleted herein) has been substituted for the limitation in Claim 9. Accordingly, for purposes of appeal, Claim 1 is as it existed on November 24, 2009 and Claim 9 is the same as Claim 1 as it existed prior to the amendment herein.

Applicant respectfully submits that the amendment places the claims in better form for consideration on appeal, as permitted under Rule 116(b)(2), because it permits the limitations of Claim 1 to be considered independently of the limitations of Claim 9.

In view of the above, applicant respectfully requests entry of the present Amendment After Final.

Respectfully submitted,
CHRISTIE, PARKER & HALE, LLP

By 
Mark Garscia
Reg. No. 31,953
626/795-9900

MEG/cks

CKS PAS937639.1-*01/7/11 2:47 PM